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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that John L. Griffin, a/k/a "Puddin," DOB: 10/3/58, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 130 months in prison to be followed by three years of supervised release for distribution of crack cocaine. Griffin pleaded guilty to this charge on March 8, 2005.

Between August 26, 2004, and September 28, 2004, Janesville police and agents from the Wisconsin Department of Justice utilized a confidential informant who purchased crack from Griffin on nine occasions. At the time of his arrest, Griffin was found in possession of an additional 12 grams of crack, a digital scale, a safe, and \$7,230 in cash.

At sentencing, Judge Crabb rejected Griffin's argument that he should be sentenced as if he only distributed cocaine powder. Judge Crabb stated that due to Griffin's horrific criminal history and conduct, he deserved a lengthy prison sentence.

The charges against Griffin were the result of an investigation conducted by the Gang & Drug Task Force of the Janesville Police Department and the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation - Narcotics Bureau. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul W. Connell.

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